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1. The largest number of Soviet forces in Rumania are in the Dobrudja and the lower Danube in general, also in the Banat and Regiunea Craiova (formerly Oltenia). There are three military schools, at Constanta, at Galați, and at Timisoara. In these schools the instruction is so organized as to aid the troops in continuing their civilian studies, while they are also preparing for military careers. The schools are described as "kind of colleges"--of course, in the European sense of the word. They are attended mainly by students who have come to Rumania with their parents, giving up their studies in the USSR; by others who have come to Rumania with some mission or other; and by still others who have been in Rumania for a long time.
2. Instruction in these schools is of high quality, conducted entirely by Soviet civilian officials or by Soviet officers. In the morning, instruction is in theoretical ideology and in military subjects. In the afternoon, ordinary secondary instruction on the lycee or gymnasium level is given. The basic language is Russian but Rumanian and one additional language (English, German, French) are also required.
3. There are special courses for those with some special preparation in mind. Students destined for Rumania, or for the USSR sections dealing with Rumania, are specially instructed in the geography, history, and literature of Rumania. This instruction is given in Rumanian, by noted specialists in Rumanian affairs. The students make trips through the country, traveling in various parts of it. They are enabled to spend some time in the higher (non-Soviet) schools, anywhere in Rumania. This privilege is free and includes food. They are also at liberty to talk with Party members, who have been well

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instructed in Leninism, and who are pointed out by the instructors. The visiting Soviet students are instructed to be conciliatory toward the Rumanian population, always under precautions and with controls. They are also encouraged to form friendships with individuals who are selected for them.

4. Students in these Soviet military schools, or colleges, wear an almost military uniform with narrow facings and caps.
5. In addition to these secondary schools wherever there is a Soviet group anywhere in Rumania, there is a school for children. These are at Bucharest, Sibiu, Oraşul Stalin, Oradea, Iaşi, Brăila, Babadag, Galaţi, Constanta, and elsewhere. These schools for children give elementary instruction, in Soviet principles, and are a little like kindergartens. They are exclusively for the children of Soviet officials, specialists, and officers living in Rumania. The teachers are often badly qualified, with inadequate degrees, so far as their own higher education is concerned; but they do know how to handle children in the Communist-Soviet tradition. The schools are sometimes located within a family's home, to which in other Soviet children of the neighborhood are brought. This is done where the group is small. It is also done where a family has a large house with a garden, where children's games can be organized.
6. In these primary schools, only the Russian language is used. No Rumanian child is admitted, except on some special occasion. Then parents who are distinguished Rumanian Communists bring their children to observe typical Soviet education, so that they can do the same thing with their own children. Great importance is attached to children's games, physical culture, and games which prepare children to take part in sports. Special care is taken to harden the children to fatigue and rough weather.

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